

Dear Members of the Planning and Development Committee:

I agree with the points made in Barbara Skaught's letter, so I am copying it here:

HEADING: Please support the legislation submitted by Beth Bye and David Baram regarding use of water in Connecticut

MESSAGE: We are in dire need of legislation that will prohibit any company from coming into CT and purchasing water for less than the taxpayers pay AND to prohibit town councils from dealing individually with companies whose business impacts the state's water supply without oversight and agreement of all impacted by such agreements.

Please support: a) the creation of a consumer advocate watchdog for MDC, b) prohibition of discounts for water bottling operations, c) adding a surcharge on high volume industrial water and sewer use, e) revising standards for rationing in drought conditions that put residents first, f) closing the loopholes in state statutes that allow utilities to sell water that will go out of their service area, g) placing a moratorium on new water capacity agreements over 250,000 gallons per day until completion of the comprehensive STATE WATER PLAN in 2017, h) the creation of a statewide database of spring/aquifer water sources and require DEEP oversight of these resources, i) for single use bottles require a tax surcharge to support recycling of plastic bottles, j) instituting full cost pricing on a progressive sliding scale...lower rates for monthly household sustainable amount and raising rates for increasing discretionary use.

Through your legislation, please make what has happened in the town of Bloomfield never happen again.

Thank you.

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